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SYDNEY CLUB SOCCER NOT SO BAD

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia's historic appearance in the World Cup finals has so far failed to give the game a much-needed boost at home.

In fact, quite the contrary has happened: Sydney club soccer is at its lowest ebb since the advent of the Federation 17 years ago.

Since Australia embarked on its World Cup campaign 18 months ago crowds at Sydney club matches have diminished steadily — and give no indication of picking up.

As their qualifying World Cup matches to capacity Sportsground crowds in Sydney. Millions watched their games in Germany on television.

But the same players who put Australia on the soccer map have been performing before empty terraces when they turn out with their clubs.

What, then, is the explanation for this alarming apathy, now bordering on the catastrophic?

I cannot agree with those who claim that it is the standard of club soccer that is keeping the fans away.

Our local football is no better no worse than that which is being produced at club level in dozens of countries whose national teams have never qualified for a World Cup final, yet attract good crowds to their domestic competition.

Anyone who watched the World Cup finals will also dispute the claim that our referees are to a large degree responsible for driving spectators away. The standard of refereeing in Germany was anything but inspiring.

I have the nagging suspicion, which was reinforced by the recent World Cup, that Sydney soccer fans are amongst the hardest to please in the world.

The majority of them may be migrants, but in one respect at least they have become thoroughly assimilated: they are first-class knock-out world, fondly recalling soccer as it was played many years ago in the "Old Country."

They haven't yet realised that today's game demands a radically different approach; that the modern trend, all over the world, is towards a more direct, physical approach.

The few countries that still adhere to the old, romantic notions which many Australian fans equate with "attractive" football are also those which have proved spectacularly unsuccessful in recent years.

I would have thought that the Socceroos' performances in the World Cup would have convinced sceptics that our football wasn't nearly half as "bad" as they have been proclaiming loudly for years.

What is needed to drift the decline in club soccer is a first-class exercise in public relations; for the clubs and the media to convince the public at large that our club matches are worth attending.

This must get top priority. Soon it may be too late: there may be no senior clubs left.



Adrian Alston gets his shot away despite Franz Beckenbauer's desperate lunge and the close attention of Berti Vogts (No. 2) in Australia's World Cup match against West Germany. This was the sort of form which attracted lucrative offers from several German Bundesliga clubs which he turned down to join newly-promoted First Division Luton Town, of England. Alston may make his debut for Luton this Saturday in the Texaco Cup match against Southampton. He received a \$40,000 signing-on fee and \$250 a week. On top of this Luton paid Safeway United a \$20,000 transfer fee. Good luck "Noddy"! See you again at World Cup time...

SCHOOLBOY WINS SHARP WORLD CUP COMPETITION

A sixteen-year-old schoolboy is the winner of our World Cup competition, sponsored by the Sharp Corporation.

Glen Pratt, of Rockdale, a St. George fan who plays for Kingsgrove YMCA in the Protestant Churches' competition, answered six questions correctly for a total of 50 points out of a possible 85 to win \$200 worth of Sharp equipment of his choice.

Sharp, the world leaders in electronics, chose "Soccer World" for their first sponsorship venture into soccer and are also putting up \$300 for the winner of our Players' Contest.

By correctly predicting the score of Australia's three matches in Germany and tipping a 1-1 draw between Scotland and Yugoslavia, Glen collected 40 points.

RUNNERS-UP

He also tipped that Tony Boskovic would officiate in three matches (five points) and that West Germany would win the final (five points).

Runners-up in the competition, with 45 points, are Z. Pavlovits, of Lane Cove; G. Bortolin, of Belfield and A. Farley, of Rockdale.

Of the 2,085 entries received only four, including winner Glen Pratt, correctly predicted the score of Australia's matches (0-2 v. East Germany; 0-3 v. West Germany; 0-0 v. Chile).

STUMPED

Only one reader guessed that Italy v. Argentina and Scotland v. Yugoslavia would both end up in 1-1 draws.

Naturally enough, everybody was stumped by question No. 6. No-one expected Gregorz Lato, of Poland, to be the World Cup's leading goalscorer, Glen Pratt tipping Gerd Muller like 95 per cent of all contestants.

Question No. 7 held no terror for our readers — more than half were right in predicting three matches for Tony Boskovic in the finals.

Thirty-five per cent were right when they thought that five players would be sent off, but Poland and Italy proved the undoing of the overwhelming majority when it came to answer questions 9, 10, 11 and 12.

While 65% tipped West Germany to win the World Cup, there were very few (only 18) who put Holland in the final and even less (two) who ever dreamed that Poland would finish third.

Almost one in seven, how-

ever, guessed correctly that Brazil would be fourth.

All but 27 of the 2,085 entries placed Italy in the first four and the fortunes of hundreds of Contest entrants sank with Italy's first round elimination in Munich.

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TEAMS	AGGREGATE								HOME							AWAY						
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Wests	16	8	5	3	24	13	21	:11	5	2	2	14	8	12	3	3	1	10	5	9		
APIA	15	8	4	3	31	16	20	:10	4	4	—	17	8	12	4	—	3	14	8	8		
St. George	16	8	2	6	26	20	18	:14	5	1	2	17	9	11	3	1	4	9	11	7		
Safeway	17	7	4	6	22	19	18	:16	4	2	2	13	9	10	3	2	4	9	10	8		
Pan Hellenic	14	7	3	4	24	15	17	:11	5	1	1	16	7	11	2	2	3	8	8	6		
Sutherland	16	5	5	6	15	23	15	:17	3	3	2	11	13	9	2	2	4	10	6	6		
Croatia	16	5	4	7	22	26	14	:18	5	1	2	18	11	11	—	3	5	4	15	3		
Auburn	16	6	1	9	18	26	13	:19	3	1	3	9	11	7	3	—	6	9	15	6		
Marconi	16	2	7	7	12	19	11	:21	1	4	3	4	7	6	1	3	4	8	12	5		
Yugal-Prague	16	2	7	7	18	27	11	:21	2	1	5	8	11	5	—	6	2	10	16	6		
Canterbury	16	2	5	9	15	45	9	:23	2	3	3	6	12	7	—	2	6	9	33	2		

M: stands for "minus," or the points dropped. We found it necessary to add this to our table because of the uneven number of matches by the teams which would otherwise give a distorted picture of the table.

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Club patrol

Behind the arrangements for a SOCCER BOWLING DAY at Toongabbie Bowling Club on Sunday, September 1, is Bill Charlton, former referee and player. Idea is to discuss formation of a Soccer Bowling Club as well, including former players, referees and administrators. Bill and his brother Len were both soccer stalwarts, Len having served as a very energetic president of the Granville Association.

Coach ANDY CLUES, formerly with Croatia, is now helping to produce the talent in country centres. Andy has been to a number of points, and soon will be conducting courses in places as wide apart as Lithgow and Casino.

"Mirror" scribe TOM ANDERSON is another local man whose mind runs back to schoolboy soccer internationals in Britain. Tom recalls playing for Scotland against England in the first Wembley international in 1950, won by England 8-3. He had the pleasure in appearing in the return game at Ibrox Park, where the Scots laddies reversed the result.

CUMBERLAND and LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOLS will meet in the Tasman Cup semifinal as early game to the England Schools v. Australia Schools match at Sydney Sportsground tomorrow (Saturday) week. The semifinals produced a dream draw with schools from Sydney, Newcastle, Lithgow and the West. Other semifinalists are Keira and Wallsend.

Settled down in the Auburn defence is ALAN GIBSON. After years of progressing through the forwards, he appears to have found his correct place.

TICKETS for the England Schools v. Australia Schools international at Sydney Sportsground on Saturday, August 10, are available from the NSW Federation, 251 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, the Australian Federation, 155 King Street, Sydney; David Jones Mens' Store, Corner Market and Castlereagh Streets, Mitchell's, 5 Hunter Arcade, Wynyard; NSW Sports Store, 61 York Street; Four R Sports World, Fairfield; Around Sports Centre, Liverpool; Western Suburbs Soccer Club, Five Dock. In addition, ticket purchases can be made through various junior associations and schools and First and Second Division football clubs.

A GALA competition for under-6 and under-8 teams organised by the Ashcroft Soccer Club will be played this Sunday at the club's ground in Stanwell Street, Ashcroft. Twelve teams in each age group will take part in a knock-out tournament with semis and final to be played at the end of the day. The tournament is being sponsored by Carl and Sons, who provided 36 cups and 60 pennants for the winners, runners-up, etc. President of Ashcroft SC is E. Ciantar and the secretary is M. Collins.

ASF secretary BRIAN LE FEVRE and his wife Lois are holidaying in Bali. Brian will be back at his desk on August 26.

Former England "B" international and Auburn official LEN QUESTED feels that the clubs have the same referee too often in the season. Len wants to see the First Division referees on a longer

Sydney's youngest First Division referee is 22-year-old RICHARD LORENC, whose rise from the ranks has been meteoric. Lorenc started refereeing at 15 years of age in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association and hasn't looked back since. A schoolteacher, he topped the referees' Group 2 rankings last month and was promoted to the top bracket of whistlers. His first two outings in Division One were nearly faultless. It's good to see a fresh, new face amongst our top referees.

list so that a club only sees the one referee a few times in the season.

Nepean Association's annual schools carnival day was a tremendous success. Winners were: open grade, St. Marys High; under-14, Blacktown High; primary "A", Shelley; primary "B", East Blaxland. Former international and Federation president FRANK PARSONS was formerly headmaster of the Shelley Public School.

Marconi have a new coach. Socceroo RAY RICHARDS took over this week after Leo Baumgartner's resignation. Three members of Australia's World Cup team now coach top First Division clubs — Peter Wilson, John Warren and Ray Richards.

FIFA-listed referee PETER RAMPLEY handled the England Schools XI v. NSW match at Woonona last Saturday.

ASKED in all innocence by an English Schools team official: "Surely your First Division clubs have boys such as these all scouted out ready to join their clubs?" "It depends which club, mister, it depends..."

West's ALEC GRAY is forcing his way back into first team calculations. Alec has been side-lined for some weeks due to a pulled calf muscle.

GORDON McLEOD, of Safeway United, is one of their most promising youngsters. In addition, Gordon is an Australian representative as a basketball player and is one of the most talented young wicketkeepers in the State.

Keira High School will field a strong side against Wallsend High in their forthcoming Tasman Cup semifinal. Included are State CHS players Keith Gynes and Gary Hoswell and Bill Kotaminidis, and also Gordon McLeod. The semifinal takes place at Woonona Oval on Friday, August 9.

POPULAR PRICES apply for the outer ground at Sydney Sportsground on Saturday, August 10, for the England Schools v. Australia Schools international, being 50c for schoolchildren and pensioners and \$1 for adults. The Turner stand and uncovered enclosure is \$2 admission, with reserved stand seats at \$2.50 each.

INTER-COMPANY SOCCER results from last week: AWA v. Nestles 7-1; NCR v. Dunn and Bradstreet 3-0; IBM v. ICL 4-1; Caltex v. Philips 1-0. Standings: AWA 24 points; NCR 21; Nashua 17; Caltex 14; Dunn and Bradstreet, Nestles 11; IBM 7; Philips 4; ICL 3.

In the PUBLIC SERVICE competition, Justice defeated Motor Transport 3-1 and Public Works beat Taxation

League is implemented. A super-idea which should be followed up if all the problems associated with the proposed competition are ever to be thrashed out to the satisfaction of every-one connected with the code.

CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL has made a block booking for a party of 300 boys for the England Schools v. Australia Schools test on Saturday week.



Yugal-Prague stalwart MARCON ALAGICH, now holidaying in Europe after watching the World Cup, has arranged for two Yugoslav players to join the club. Big question is when the pair will arrive to add a much-needed transfusion of new blood to the relegation threatened side.

PAUL VROLYKS' wife, Kathy, last week gave birth to a baby girl, Kim. Our congratulations, not only to the Melita player, but also to Bill Vrolyks, a grandfather for the first time. In the best tradition, Bill, a "Sydney Morning Herald" Best and Fairest Award judge, was handing out cigars in the pressbox at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

A nice GESTURE by the go-ahead, promotion-conscious Eastern Suburbs Rugby League club last Saturday was to invite Rale Rasic and the Soccerroos to do a lap of honor at halftime of their match against Western Suburbs at the Cricket Ground.

APIA president JIM BAY-UTTI wants all Australian First Division clubs to hold a meeting before a National

It is reported that Australian captain PETER WILSON, who is no longer employed by Safeway sponsor Bill Dryburgh, may soon get a job with Rothmans.

ROTHMANS RESULTS

● Round 4 replays: Revasby Workers 2 (Openshaw, Thorpe) d. Wentworth City, August 10. Northern Districts 3 (Fowler 2, Cassatino) d. Weston 1 (Stroker). Norths to play New Lambton, August 10.

● Round 5: Balgownie 2 (Eadie, Lavin) d. Campbelltown City 0; Adamstown 2 (Harden, Senkalski) d. Newtown 1 (Netzeritis); Guildford 2 (Stevenson, Williamson d. Warringah 1 (Jones), extra time; Marrickville 3 (McCulloch, Hanlon, Gould) d. Bankstown 1 (Bourke); Melita Eagles 4 (Farrugia 2, McKinnon, Melish) d. Polonia 0; Corinthians 1 (Dennan) d. Toongabbie 0, extra time.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Hakoah v. Sutherland — Wentworth Park
Canterbury v. Pan Hellenic — Arlington Oval
Rapid v. Polonia — Marrickville Oval
Newtown v. Corinthians — Erskineville Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Yugal-Prague v. Wests — Marks Field
Auburn v. Croatia — Mona Park
Marconi v. Canterbury — Marconi Oval
St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Hurstville Oval
Safeway v. APIA — Woonona Oval
Guildford v. Melita Eagles — Guildford Park
Manly v. Granville — Inman Park
NS-Inter v. Marrickville — North Sydney Oval
Bankstown v. Balgownie — Soccer Centre

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

AUSTRALIA v. ENGLAND SCHOOLBOYS — Sportsground
Canterbury v. Auburn — Arlington Oval
Newtown v. Rapid — Marks Field
Polonia v. Marrickville — Soccer Centre

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Wests v. St. George — Drummoyne Oval
Croatia v. Yugal-Prague — Marks Field
Sutherland v. Marconi — Seymour Shaw Park
APIA v. Hakoah — Lambert Park
Pan Hellenic v. Safeway — Wentworth Park
Melita Eagles v. Rapid — Mona Park
Granville v. Guildford — Garside Park
Marrickville v. Manly — Blick Oval
Balgownie v. NS-Inter — Balgownie Oval
Corinthians v. Bankstown — Ground to be arranged.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOLBOY TEST WILL BE A BOTTLER!

Expect magnificent football in the first-ever England Schools - Australia Schools international at Sydney Sportsground on Saturday week (August 10).

That's the message that comes through loud and clear from the England Schools XI's resounding 3-1 win over a keen NSW Schools side at Woonona Oval last Saturday.

Playing under conditions they had never before experienced — a hard playing surface and a tricky wind as against the usual slush — the England School side proved to be a pocket edition of the England national team.

None did better than their towering captain Mark Higgins, who was signed by Everton just before leaving England, and the two-goal Peter Coyne.

In fact, to transfer the England analogy into other terms, here were the school-boy manifestations of an English Frank Beckenbauer and a Johan Cruyff!

Coleman's goal

After NSW captain Kevin Coleman had chalked up one for NSW after 15 minutes with a left-foot angled drive from 18 metres just inside the post in the State's first real chance of the game, Mark Higgins soon had the English lads back on even terms.

His freekick from 20 metres never left the floor, with NSW keeper Paul Griffin going over the ball.

Higgins, burly, strong and unrelenting, is a great header of the ball and a mature tactician.

Linking in closely-knit fashion with Ray Deakin, he moved superbly to contain the NSW vanguard, and at two months short of sixteen he'd be about ready to take his place in the best Australian side you could think of — if he had been born on the right side of the world.

Coyne is of a different mould, as graceful as he is effective. In the 32nd minute he'd hit the ball like a swallow in flight into the net after Kevin Mabbutt had dummied Higgin's pass.

Then in the 60th minute he cut around Ian Rowden to net again for the ultimate 3-1.

To laud Coyne and Higgins is not to denigrate any player of either side.

Top-class

The English boys had class borne of top-class experience, liberally spiced with excellent along the carpet balls and "1-2-3" passing moves that only the supremely dedicated can master.

NSW Schools, whilst not making any openings as the tourists, looking the better for the addition of Rex Hill and Andy McVeigh in the second half.

Kevin Coleman, the NSW captain, was creative in midfield and lacked for nothing in comparison with all but two of the English players.

Quite likely another Ray Baartz in the making, Coleman was everywhere.

His left-footer grazed the bar from 18 metres in the 47th minute, and four minutes earlier his right footer from 30 metres out was just enough off target to save England.

Newcomer Gerry Figon has tremendous potential to be harnessed in the State's defence. He had the fire to come back again whenever beaten — shades of Harry Williams — but with four minutes remaining Coyne's change of direction fooled him.

Fortunately, replacement keeper Mark Curtis dived to cover the ball beautifully.

Both State goalkeepers, Paul Griffin and Mark Curtis, filled the spot

worthily, and on the day were ahead of their England counterpart. Wesley Schutt had some fine moments at leftback, and Ian Rowden was sound apart

from the play which led to England's third goal.

Outside left Mark Samuels played well, and Rex Hill was quite constructive when he received the call to come on.

In future NSW will have to dispense with its cumbersome selection trials and minimum of team practice "system."



LES SCHEINFLUG

Paradoxically, we produced a team that lacked England's strength at the front and back, but although slower in thought we often matched them in midfield, without possessing the playmaking skills that would have made the difference.

Let-off

The NSW team had one real let-off just on halftime when Coyne unselfishly left the ball go to Bailey, who just missed the far post.

The English fullbacks were excellent — both Andrew Kingston, who floated around in the best Utjesenovic style, as well as Paul Haverson, Kevin Mabbutt got through a power of work.

The English outside-left, Steve Gardner, sold some excellent dummies, but his angled crossfield runs were somewhat spoilt by his predilection for unproductively hunting for a third man to beat.

Overall, it was anticipation and ground passing that laid the pattern that gave England the edge.

England Schools XI: Arthur Breeze; Andrew Kingston, Paul Haverson, Mark Higgins (1), Ray Deakin, Kevin Mabbutt, Peter Saville, Martin Patching, Peter Coyne (2), George Bailey, Steve Gardner.

NSW Schools: Paul Griffin (Mark Curtis 52 min.); Rod Skellern, Wesley Schutt, Gerry Figon, Ian Rowden, Danny Rothwell, Shayne Keating (Wayne Cootes 75 min.), Kevin Coleman (1), John Rogan (Rex Hill 41 mins.), Greg Atkins (Andy McVeigh 41 mins.), Mark Samuels.

Referee: Peter Rampley. Crowd: 2,231.

Comments

● English Schools coach **Jim Morrow**: "We didn't find it easy to knock the ball round on the hard ground with such a swirling wind. The NSW boys played well, quite comparable with the Western Australian under-16s."

● NSW Schools coach **Les Scheinflug**: "We went well against a very classy English team, considering our limited time for rehearsals. We will go well in the international."

● English Schools chairman **Geoff Jennett**: "Your boys lacked our experience but several of them revealed top class. There is an inclination in England to knock Australian soccer, but rest assured we will go out of our way to make it clear that you are well on the way. A couple of years of polishing players and you will be handing out some shocks."

● NSW team manager **Eric Drury**: "I was expecting a close result — even an upset. We can do better, and we'll push them in the international."

● Australian Soccer Council secretary **Brian Emery**: "England showed the class we expected. Rest assured they will know that they were playing Australia when it comes to the Test."

● Australian Schools Soccer Federation secretary **Bob Quimby**: "We need to limit our trials to a day or two and spend more time working on the team. The whole selection process has to be improved."

● National Coaching Director **Eric Worthington**: "We need to improve our positioning off the ball. I'm sure Les Scheinflug will do this. Later on it will take six months' work to increase the full potential of our youngsters, but it can and will be done when more time is available."

Smalltalk

It's a continuing love affair not certain to have a happy ending.

The man behind the current coaching traumas of St. George-Budapest is, of course, Frank Arok, the enigmatic Hungaro-Yugoslav who joined them and left them twice and who is now being courted to return for the third time.

Mike Johnson's decline and fall has been predictable for some time; his brushes with some players and officials as well as the team's very mediocre displays and results have merely hastened the inevitable.

He has gone now, rather unceremoniously, without having achieved one single memorable success in 18 months or so — quite unusual for the previously high-riding Saints.

Meanwhile, a small procession of club officials has been paying homage to Arok in his fief in provincial Novisad, in Yugoslavia.

First Emery Nagy, then Les Bordacs, both in Europe for the World Cup, made a considerable detour to this sleepy little town, bypassing much more glamorous spots in the hope of persuading Arok to return.

Even during the World Cup the Saints' officials grabbed every opportunity to meet Arok in Frankfurt, making him some attractive offers most other coaches would have accepted at once.

However, Arok held out, ostensibly for family reasons but also because of an offer from a Yugoslav club.

Over the years the Saints have had many coaches, some successful, others less so.

With a few of them, some very special relations existed while others failed to reach rapport.

Arok was a very special case. During his three years with the club he introduced a very high degree of professionalism.

In all the related fields under his control — coaching, management, planning, press matters — Arok's standards will be hard to attain.

If he does return, Sydney soccer will be much richer for it. If he does not, one should have a great deal of sympathy for whoever will be in charge of the club in 1975 and thereafter.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tremendous pressure is being built up for the introduction of the National League.

The views of the supporters of a National League boil down to this: nothing but a National League can revive the sagging interest in club football.

This may or may not be true. We have been hearing about this promised land for many years now; former ASF secretary Ian McAndrew was the first to compile a "blueprint" for this League.

Since then many genuine lovers of soccer as well as some of its cheap kibitzers have been reviving the ghost of the National League — without once advancing logical, convincing arguments as to its implementation.

The theory of this League, like that of the Soviet constitution, is great — but theories have a sad history of failing when tested.

There are literally dozens of unanswered yet critically important questions the public is anxious about before accepting the inevitability of such a League.

The most obvious concerns finance. Apart from the airlines, one wonders who would benefit from such an expensive operation.

I know that sponsors are being now sought to pick up the tab for what could be a heavily underwritten competition.

Maybe they are willing to risk their money for a certain period; that being the case, the National League would have a guaranteed lifespan.

But without such commercial sponsorship the plan is clearly a suicidal one.

By marrying off the struggling Sydney clubs to their even more impoverished Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, etc. counterparts the overall balance would not change one iota.

Zero and zero still equals zero, no matter how you juggle the figures.

Let the advocates of the National League come forward with a solid, intelligent and financially feasible plan; let them produce some convincing argument.

We are waiting hopefully and patiently.

— MIKE RENWICK

AUSSIE'S FINEST HARD AT WORK

Thirty of Australia's top under-15 players, drawn from Perth to Sydney and Hobart to Brisbane will gather into Parklea Coaching Academy on Sunday and Monday to prepare for the international against England.

The final squad will be chosen by coach Les Scheinflug and will train together, whilst the remainder will assist and then stay on to witness the international.

Northern NSW could be one centre to provide some of the National Schools team.

Blond-haired fullback Tony Budden is one of Newcastle's outstanding youngsters, with Mark Smith also very prominent.

Len McCloud, from South Australia is another strong prospect, with a few Victorians, including the South African born Gruenwolde well in the race.

Newcastle Schools secretary Bill Turner has done a magnificent job working for the success of the Newcastle game, played at Macquarie Field last Wednesday.

In Brisbane for tomorrow's match the Queensland Federation has given the Queensland-England Schools game a great boost by cancelling all Saturday matches to enable the game to

go on free of counter-attraction.

No slight intended to the hard-working officials who assisted in the promotion at Woonona, but it is an open secret that due to various circumstances there was none of the cohesion that is expected of a long-established soccer centre.

Local matches and Balgownie's cup-tie produced plenty of opposition, and problems appeared over referees' appointments and use of the media.

The net result was that the full England Schools side would have provided a bigger attraction at Orange, Bathurst, Lithgow, Dubbo, Nowra or any such town, and certainly a match at Canberra could have been better.

Many, however, did work for the game, and thanks to the Woonona Soccer and Sports Club for providing so magnificently for the boys and officials of both teams.

— K.G.

READERS' LETTERS

PETULANCE

It is a pity that Australian coach Rale Rasic had to detract from Australia's outstanding performance against East Germany with a display of petulance regarding the actions of Senegal referee Zuoussou N'Diaye.

The referee did, after all is said and done, book three East Germans.

What more did Rasic want? To blame the referee for Australia's defeat is the easy way out.

Australia performed brilliantly and if another striker had been committed to the attack the result may have been different.

Indeed, if we had had a world class striker (a freekick specialist like Ray Baartz for instance) the game might even have been won.

The freekick chances that Australia had, two in number I believe, were absolutely wasted.

East Germany's first goal was the fault of the Aus-

tralian defence, which stopped and appealed for off-side instead of playing to the whistle.

Despite what Rasic said about the ball going past the post if Curran had not touched it, anyone who watched the game on television would know that the ball would have gone in anyway, despite Curran's brave attempt to clear it.

As for the second goal, Wilson made a valiant attempt to head the ball clear. The shot itself, by Streich, would have beaten any goalkeeper in the world.

The BBC radio commentator was right when he said that "Australia played magnificently." Australia showed the world by their display that they deserved their place in the final series.

Let us hope that Rasic's comments have not lowered world opinion concerning our performance.

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Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

3 (1)

Morrow 21 and 70 mins.,
Muniz 79 min.

A.P.I.A.

0 (0)

Sutherland

0 (0)

Safeway

0 (0)

St. George

1 (0)

Warren 48 min.

Wests

2 (0)

Iswadi 48 min., Trebilcock
61 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

Croatia

2 (1)

Richards (o.g.) 34 min., D.
Smith 72 min.

Marconi

0 (0)

Pan Hellenic

1 (1)

Manuel 11 min.

Yugal-Prague

1 (0)

S. Perry 50 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Forrester 4, Whitehead 4, Hadley 3, Mullen 3,
Guildea 4, Venables 3, Keri 3, Angelopoulos 2,
Davies 2 (Armytage, second half, 2), Bibby 3 (Balafas
58 min.), Brown 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Match rating: * * *

Madeschi 3, Fekete 3, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 3,
Marnoch 4, Mackay 5, Watson 4, Muniz 3, Barnes 4,
Morrow 4, Dolan 2 (Fletcher, second half, 4).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: D. Maclaren.

Kennedy 3, Smart 3, Jenkins 3, Wallace 5, McGhee
3, Russell 4, Blues 3, Rooney 4, Ollerton 3, Rogers 3,
Butler 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * * *

Maher 4, Branson 4, Bennett 4, P. Smith 4,
Wykes 3, R. Griffiths 4, P. Thompson 3, Trail 3,
Bourke 3, O'Connor 3 (Cacciola 80 min.), Gray 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Hesford 4, Roberts 3, Wilson 3, Gleeson 3, A.
Thompson 4, Crowe 4, Fryer 3, McGrotty 3, Tolson
4 (Piggott 67 min.), Bingham 3, Dodd 2.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * * *

Fraser 4, G. Harris 4, Coton 4, Schaefer 4, Wil-
liams 4, Utjesenovic 3, Grosse 3, Abonyi 4, Warren 4
(Hamilton 80 min.), T. Smith 3, Stoddart 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: J. Warren.

Eaton 3, Perry 4, Turnbull 4, Radcliffe 3,
Curran 5, Stone 4, Trebilcock 4, Iswadi 5, Lindsay 4,
Mostyn 4, Ainslie 3.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Match rating: * * * *

Williamson 3, Lawson 3, Gibson 4, Malone 4,
Hucker 4, McMillan 3, Sidey 3 (Leak 46 min. 3),
Stewart 3, Deller 4, Keddie 4, Walker 3.

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: J. Marston.

Corry 4, G. Smith 3, Nixon 4, Darvall 3, Brady 4,
Whalley 3, Sullivan 3, Wignall 2, Yaager 2, D. Smith
3, Turner 3.

TOTAL: 34.

Coach: R. Foster.

Match rating: * *

Murray 4, Degney 3, Byrne 3, Jones 3, Barton
3, Richards 3, Williams 3, Campbell 3, Pocock 3,
Colusso 2 (replaced Burns 35 min.), Griffiths 2.

TOTAL: 32.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

Tuinman 3, Izatt 3, Rudic 4, Barboutis 3, Bell 3,
Stowell 3, Ile 4, Harding 3, Manuel 3, Cullodon 4
(replaced Carrizo 4, halftime), Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

Match rating: * * *

Bracklow 4, Harcombe 3, Trkulja 3, McDonald 4,
Rootsey 4, Velkovski 3, Takac 4, Mihajlovic 3, Serd-
arevic 3, Kuzmanov 3, Perry 3.

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Played in bitterly cold, windy conditions, this match was clearly won by the better team despite Canterbury's gallant, never-say-die effort. The competition leaders were too strong all round for the Berries, but there was an element of luck in their first goal, which the otherwise excellent Lester Forrester all but handed to Tom Morrow when he failed to hold the Irishman's first attempt while injuring himself. It was only after Morrow scored again — in the 70th minute — that Hakoah started to show the stuff championship winners are made of and their third goal was a gem brilliantly engineered by second half substitute Joe Fletcher for the elusive Agenor Muniz. In Jim Mackay, Hakoah had the best player on the field.

Crowd: 601.

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— LOU GAUTIER

The first half was all APIA but, despite their superiority and the wind advantage which they failed to utilise, there wasn't one worthwhile shot at goal. Strangely, the first real shot was fired by Sutherland's Derek Trail in the 50th minute. Eight minutes later Peter Ollerton almost put APIA in the lead with goalie Maher badly beaten, but his header was cleared off the line by Ron Griffiths, Sutherland's top performer on the day. Then we saw APIA, spurred on by midfielder John Wallace, the best player on the field, and Jim Rooney, launch attack after attack upon the battered Sutherland defence which gallantly held together, running itself to a standstill to salvage one point.

Crowd: 1,195.

Referee: T. Davies.

— DOUG WENDT

Willie McGrotty could have grabbed the equaliser on the stroke of fulltime when he headed wide from only four metres out and goalie Fraser to beat. But if he had scored it would have been an injustice to St. George. The Saints completely dominated the second half after John Warren put them ahead. St. George were more positive and their players were prepared to do more work off the ball while Safeway's defence looked suspect against the fast break. Playing with a strong wind at their backs in the second period, Coton and Abonyi were just off target and Hesford made a couple of good saves. Paul Coton troubled United in the air and 18-year-old Crowe saved a certain goal in the 65th minute when he scooped the ball off George Harris' toe with the local defence shattered.

Crowd: 1,880.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— PAUL POSETTI

This was a first-rate win by Wests after Auburn had started in very confident form. Iswadi started by applying the screws on Auburn, and when Trebilcock joined in, Auburn had plenty of troubles, especially as Ken Lindsay was doing so well in his role as the deep midfield distributor. Auburn's breaks were most dangerous, however, and Warren Turnbull performed a near-miracle by clearing in spectacular fashion from Dave Keddie's shot late in the first half. Wests cracked Auburn just after halftime, when Bob Mostyn's run resulted in Les Hucker being left standing. The ball flew to Iswadi, who capped a fine move. Later Mike Trebilcock placed a good shot in the bottom corner and Wests were right on top. No praise could be too high for Col Curran, who didn't miss a beat all afternoon. For Auburn Frank Malone worked hard until late in the game, and both Pat Deller and Dave Keddie were impressive without being able to turn their efforts into goals.

Coach: 524.

Referee: G. Warne.

— KEITH GILMOUR

This was a scrappy, boring 90 minutes of football, but for Croatia it was heaven as they took the points that lifted them away from the relegation zone. The 2-0 score seems rather flattering on paper as Croatia did very little to earn it, except defend against a lethargic set of forwards who appeared to show little interest. Marconi missed half a dozen "sitters" in the first half. Their downfall was precipitated by an unfortunate own goal by Ray Richards. It is incredible, and hard to believe, that a team could be on the attack for so long, yet keep breaking down on the edge of the penalty area. Ron Corry, written off some time ago, added to Marconi's frustrations with some fine saves, particularly in the first half, while Joe Nixon and Frank Brady came through with full marks. Derek Smith deserved the goal as he was the only forward on the field prepared to hit anything in sight.

Crowd: 1,075.

Referee: A. McKenzie.

— CHARLES SPITERI

A draw was a fair result though Yugal-Prague had the more glaring chances. Pan Hellenic were lucky not to concede goals when Rudic saved off his line in the 70th minute and Kuzmanov missed the "sitter" of the match four minutes later. Hellenic started well to grab an 11th minute lead, but this was a bad mistake on the part of the otherwise excellent Uwe Bracklow, who failed to hold a header from Gary Manuel. Yugal-Prague hit back with a spectacular 50th minute equaliser — a solo effort by Sasha Perry and they ended the match slightly on top though it took a brilliant save by Bracklow to deny second half replacement Bernie Cullodon a second goal, which would have clinched it for Pan Hellenic.

Crowd: 2,427.

Referee: R. Lorenc.

— LOU GAUTIER

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	15	—	—	48	6	30
Wests	12	2	2	36	13	26
APIA	9	3	3	22	10	21
St. George	9	—	—	6	31	23
Sutherland	6	3	7	17	18	15
Marconi	5	5	6	21	23	15
Safeway	6	2	7	15	23	14
Yugal-Prague	6	2	8	14	26	14
Pan Hellenic	3	5	6	11	16	11
Auburn	3	3	9	10	20	9
Croatia	3	2	11	8	34	8
Canterbury	2	3	11	13	35	7

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	12	3	1	33	7	27
Hakoah	9	3	3	21	11	21
Wests	9	2	5	25	18	20
Safeway	8	3	3	23	16	18
Croatia	6	4	6	21	17	16
St. George	7	2	6	28	24	16
Sutherland	5	6	4	21	18	16
APIA	4	3	7	25	21	11
Auburn	4	3	7	9	15	11
Yugal-Prague	3	3	10	10	34	9
Pan Hellenic	3	1	11	10	23	7
Canterbury	3	1	12	10	32	7

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	12	3	1	49	18	27
Balgownie	12	1	3	41	18	25
Manly	9	4	3	26	16	22
Guildford	8	6	3	36	31	22
Melita Eagles	7	4	5	28	22	18
Rapid	6	3	5	20	18	15
Bankstown	6	1	7	22	28	13
Marrickville	5	2	8	29	33	12
Corinthians	3	5	8	21	30	11
Polonia	3	3	8	18	38	9
Newtown	2	4	9	17	34	8
NS-Inter	—	—	—	12	13	34

(Second Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	11	2	2	38	13	24
Granville	10	3	3	51	13	23
Manly	9	4	2	38	14	22
Melita Eagles	10	2	4	32	21	22
Bankstown	9	4	3	23	15	22
Guildford	6	2	8	41	31	14
NS-Inter	6	—	9	21	45	12
Corinthians	5	1	8	24	30	11
Polonia	5	1	8	28	45	11
Rapid	4	1	8	23	42	9
Marrickville	3	—	11	23	49	6
Newtown	1	3	9	10	29	5

(Third Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	13	1	1	42	6	27
Bankstown	12	1	2	33	13	25
Balgownie	9	4	—	45	10	22
Polonia	6	4	4	25	16	16
Granville	6	4	5	15	14	16
Guildford	6	3	6	22	16	15
NS-Inter	5	2	7	19	26	12
Melita Eagles	5	—	11	18	32	10
Corinthians	3	3	7	16	22	9
Newtown	2	4	7	11	31	8
Rapid	—	5	7	7	30	5
Marrickville	1	3	11	11	48	5

THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	11	2	3	32	14	24
Arncliffe	10	3	3	38	12	23
Nth. Districts	11	1	2	42	17	23
West Ryde	10	2	4	29	21	22
Warringah	9	2	4	34	16	20
Revesby	6	3	6	30	17	15
Campbelltown	6	1	10	19	32	13
Wentby	4	3	8	26	38	11
W. Sutherland	3	3	8	22	40	9
Gladesville	2	4	9	19	34	8
Uni. of NSW	1	6	9	22	41	8
Belmore	2	4	9	16	37	8

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	12	4	—	42	12	28
Queens Park	10	4	2	41	15	24
Chelsea	8	5	3	49	32	21
Bondi	8	5	4	28	18	21
Riverstone	7	4	5	45	32	18
Greenwich	7	3	7	36	37	17
Blacktown	7	2	5	42	24	16
Yagoona	8	—	7	27	29	16
Nepean	5	3	8	38	31	13
Concordia	3	2	11	24	61	8
W. St. George	3	—	14	21	69	6
Arncliffe	1	2	13	21	54	4

SECOND DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	11	3	2	44	21	25
Revesby	11	1	4	50	28	23
Eastwood	9	2	6	45	33	20
Lethbridge	8	4	5	41	35	20
Artarmon	7	5	5	32	23	19
Sydney Uni.	7	4	5	35	26	18
Holroyd	6	6	4	29	24	18
Maroubra	7	2	8	35	37	16
Lane Cove	4	4	7	22	33	12
Macquarie Uni.	4	3	9	28	43	11
N. Bankstown	2	4	9	20	38	8
South Sydney	1	2	13	16	56	4

THIRD DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	13	3	1	49	17	29
Kingsford	10	2	4	31	25	22
Ryde	9	4	4	42	37	22

TEAMS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

As victory is just as essential for the Rasic-team

P. OLLERTON (APIA)	14
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	9
D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	9
T. MORROW (Hakoah)	8
T. BUTLER (APIA)	7
S. KERI (Canterbury)	7
A. MUNIZ (Hakoah)	6
M. TREBILCOCK (Wests)	6



Pan Hellenic can take some optimism from their good record at Hurstville Oval.

	Hakoah	Marconi	St. George	West.	APIA	Safeway	Yugal-Prague	Croatia	Pan Hellenic	Auburn	Sutherland	Canterbury
Hakoah	●	1-1		0-3	2-1	1-1	5-0	2-0	1-0			8-0
Marconi		●	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-1		0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	
St. George	2-0	3-2	●	0-1	0-2	2-0	2-2			2-1		6-1
West.	1-0	0-1		●	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-0		2-0	3-0	2-2
APIA			2-1	3-1	●	2-2	2-2	4-0	1-1	3-2	0-0	3-0
Safeway	3-3	3-2	0-1			●	2-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	
Yugal-Prague		1-1	3-0		0-4	0-1	●	3-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	
Croatia	1-2	2-0	2-0	2-1	0-1			●		3-2	3-0	5-5
Pan Hellenic	2-3	1-0	3-2				1-1		●	2-0	1-0	6-1
Auburn	1-4		0-1	1-3		2-1	1-1		2-1	●		2-0
Sutherland	0-3		0-3	1-1		1-0		3-3	2-2	3-1	●	1-0
Canterbury	0-3	1-1		0-0	3-2	0-3	1-0	0-0			1-3	●

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An English view

The discreet charm of the Socceros

Julie Welch, a feature writer with the London "Daily Express" followed the Socceros before and during their World Cup opener.

This is her interesting report as it appeared in the English newspaper:

"The two teams were physically dissimilar, for a start: the Australians a footballer's Babel of Slavs and Brits; East Germany beautifully scrubbed and billboard-chested.

"The common factor, as they jogged, bounced and shimmied their knees through the national anthems, was fright: sick tension had turned 22 faces the colour of chipboard, and if Australia were given the runaround for the first 10 minutes it was the other lot who sometimes looked the more discomposed.

"In Australian terms, a draw would have been a triumph; a 2-0 defeat was hardly enough to engender the flak of champagne corks, but it was not a mortification.

"Throughout the days leading up to their first match, this least indigenous of national sides had made many friends by the simple expedience of accessibility and goodwill.

"Their coach is Yugoslav.

"Charm is a quality not normally associated with managers, but Rase Rasic dispenses it like a piece of watering equipment; a dark, stubby man whose hair springs itinerantly over his forehead and whose policy, when surrounded by a moat of journalists is to give nothing away in the most generous possible manner.

"Our main problem is physical fitness," said Rasic. "Our team is only semi-professional and a lot of players have come unfit to the camp.

"A lot depends on the mood. One night a player can run, do anything; the next night he can do nothing."

"It was the Tuesday preceding the match with East Germany. Rasic's forgivable propensity for secrecy had run up against the equally forgivable urge of journalists to know who would be playing on Friday.

"Rasic was unbudgeable, teeth scattered in a grin, accent combining an East European bass and the Australian's distorted overlay.

"Yes, they trained twice a day. No, he was not going to release the names of the men. No, he was not happy with the preparation.

"On Wednesday night, the Australian squad trained in the Volkspark Stadium.

"A blinding sun had given way to the toothpaste glow of the floodlights, and overhead the planes flew so low their underbellies could be seen in detail.

"The players at last became familiar: the chummy mammoth, Wilson, Schaefer of the aerofoil ears, Ray Baartz, mournful on the sidelines, still suffering the effect of a karate chop from a Uruguayan defender.

"Keep it up, lads," Peter Wilson was shouting, "this is the way we'll be going on Friday night."

"They did — and goalkeeper Jack Reilly's net remained relatively unbulged at Hamburg's Volksparkstadion."

● The early round of the USSR Cup proved catastrophic for the once dominant Muscovite clubs. Every team from the Soviet capital was eliminated, leaving the final to be fought out by Dynamo Kiev and Zaria Voroshilovgrad.

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Brazil will re-think their World Cup preparations for 1978. The Brazilians spent almost \$2 million to get their players in shape for West Germany — six times as much as finalists West Germany and Holland. The Brazilians are likely to scrap their lengthy pre-Cup camp next time, will play top European national teams instead of weak opposition in lead-up matches and they will only arrive in Argentina — provided they qualify, of course — a few days before the kick-off.

● Benno Magnusson, a member of Sweden's World Cup squad, has been transferred by his West German club, Kaiserslautern, to Hertha Berlin.

● Henri Francillon, Haiti's goalkeeper whose fantastic display against Italy at the Munich Olympic Stadium on June 15 was one of the highlights of the 1974 World Cup, has only been allowed by his Government to sign a one-year contract with Munchen 1860, the West German Second Division club. Francillon must return home at the end of 1975 to reintegrate the national team which embarks on preparations for the North and Central American Championship.

● Commenting on the enthusiastic welcome the Socceros received when they returned home from Germany, "France Football" writes, briefly, but to the point: "They deserved it."

● Three of Yugoslavia's World Cup players were married in the past two weeks: Katalinski, Petkovic and Bogicevic.

● Zaire's best World Cup player, Kakoko, has been prevented from joining French club St. Etienne. His federation, under Government orders, has forbidden any international to move overseas — as punishment for the crushing 9-0 defeat against Yugoslavia, which Zaire's president, General Mobutu, has described as a "national tragedy — a disgrace for which the players responsible will pay dearly."

● Bernd Bransch, captain of the East German international side, has returned to his club, Halle. One year ago he was summarily transferred to the Jena club so that he would fit in better with Croy, Weise and Kurbiuweit, other internationals performing for the Jena club.

● Did you know that Gerd Muller absolutely insisted on having the Number 13 shirt assigned to him for the World Cup? That was his number in 1970 when he topped the goalscoring list in Mexico and also in the final stages of the 1972 European Championship.

● Jim Holton, the Scotland World Cup defender and Manchester United player, has a 300-strong fan club in Manchester.

● Scotland, who have contracted to play in the European Nations' Cup at both full international level and under-23s, are likely to appoint an assistant manager to Willie Ormond in the near future. The assistant would, of course, control the preparation and fortunes of the under-23 team.

● Nereo Rocco, who quit Milan AC last January after many years of service, has made a comeback. He has joined Fiorentina as technical director.

● Rinus Israel, Feyenoord's 32-year-old Dutch international fullback, who only made a fleeting appearance in the World Cup finals (a few minutes towards the end of the match against Brazil) has knocked back a big offer from Belgium's FC Bruges. He will end his career in Rotterdam.

● Ajax Amsterdam have bought Rund Geels, one of Holland's most promising midfielders, for \$130,000. Geels, who signed a four-year contract, will be groomed to step into the shoes of World Cup sensation Johan Neeskens, who next season links up with Cruyff at Barcelona.

● In case you didn't already know, Ernie Campbell was voted one of the five most handsome players in the World Cup by Germany's mass-circulation "Bild" newspaper. The others were Wolfgang Overath (West Germany), Spinosi (Italy), Francillon (Haiti) and Hellstrom (Sweden).

● Despite their humiliating World Cup elimination in the first round, the Italians this time are not looking for scapegoats. Ferruccio Valcareggi is staying on, with perhaps even greater powers now that the national team's "general director" Italo Allodi has resigned.

● Gwardia Warsaw will be Poland's representative in the 1974-75 European Cup-Winners' Cup — whether they win the Cup Final against Ruch or not, the latter having already taken out the championship to qualify for the Champions' Cup. In the semifinals of the Cup Gwardia beat Stal Rzeszow 1-0 and Ruch defeated Gornik Zabrze on penalty kicks after drawing 2-2.

● Two interesting transfers in West Germany are those of former international fullback Schnelliger, 35, who has joined West Berlin's "Tennis Borussia" at a weekly salary of \$600 and Klaus Wunder, the Duisburg striker, who has been bought by European champions Bayern Munchen for \$200,000. Wunder, 22, is being hailed as the "new Gerd Muller", now his team-mate.

● Cruyff and Pele have agreed to make guest appearances for a Monaco selection next week to mark the 25th anniversary of the reign of Prince Rainier. Monaco's opponents will be a "World XI", which will include Uwe Seeler, Gordon Banks, Bobby Charlton, Eusebio, Mazzola, Facchetti, Di Stefano and Gento.

● English First Division club Tottenham Hotspur signed Glasgow Rangers midfielder Alfie Conn for \$240,000.

● The British Government collected \$95 million in tax from Soccer Pools in the UK last season.

● The annual Merdeka Tournament, staged by the Malaysian FA, is now in progress with all the leading national teams of the Far East participating. The series started with a shock result, Malaysia beating South Korea 1-0 in a preliminary round match last weekend.

● Bayern Munchen — and their seven West German World Cup heroes — resumed training last week already. Not much of a holiday for the Beckenbauers, Mullers, Bretners, etc., who played more than 100 matches in the 1973-74 season.

● "The West German and Dutch soccer standards are miles ahead of ours," said in an article Lev Filatov, noted Soviet journalist after the World Cup. "In conditioning, tactics and the quick application of technical skills our teams are way behind the best in the world. Our coaches must start producing more versatile players than we now have," he added sternly.

Dettmar Cramer chickens out

Former FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer has changed his mind in the last moment and won't be coaching the West German club Hertha Berlin. The Berliners have agreed to release Cramer from his signed contract, worth about \$130,000 over a three-year period. It seems Cramer got cold feet about joining Hertha, almost annually in some sort of strife. The new coach will be Georg Kessler, former coach of the Dutch national team and more recently the boss of Holland's Second Division club FC Zwolle. Cramer, meanwhile, has signed a lucrative contract to coach the United States national team and also reorganise American soccer.

Romanian students win again

Romania retained their title by beating Bulgaria 4-1 in the final of the fourth World University Championships in Nice, France. Luxemburg beat France 1-0 to take third place. In the semifinals Romania had beaten Luxemburg 3-0 and Bulgaria downed France 1-0.

Scandals rock Italy

There have been more scandals in Italy. Verona have been relegated to Second Division because club president Saverio Garozzi allegedly attempted to bribe Napoli's Brazilian player Sergio Clerici last season. Verona, who finished 13th in Division One, will not be replaced by a Second Division team, Sampdoria retaining their place in the elite instead of accompanying Genoa to Division II. And that's not all: Foggia have had six points deducted from their 1974/75 total for trying to bribe a referee some months back!

Lubanski's high rating

In a poll taken to determine the most successful Polish sportsmen of the past 30 years, soccer star Wlodzimierz Lubanski came fifth. Which merely makes you wonder just how well Poland would have done in the World Cup had their best striker been available.

Changes in Budapest

Crack Hungarian club Ferencvaros gave a free transfer to trouble-prone international Lajos Ku who has now joined Vasas. Another international, fullback Lajos Pancsics also left Ferencvaros, joining Honved who gave them winger Pusztai in return. Lajos Szake, the Ferencvaros international right winger, who toured Australia with them earlier this year, left Hungary illegally and is somewhere in Western Europe. He is certain to be suspended for at least one year by his club, the suspension to be automatically endorsed by FIFA.

● Joao Havelange, FIFA's new Brazilian president, will go to Buenos Aires for the Argentina v. Brazil match on October 12.



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WORLD CUP NEWS AND VIEWS



EIGHT SUPER-STARS

— By MIKE RENWICK —

No matter how hard one tries to avoid subjective views, it's impossible not to labor under very personal impressions when discussing the stars of the recent World Cup.

To start with, nobody could see all the games; one was limited to about 10 or so, catching some others, in full or in part, on TV.

This limitation in itself makes any totally fair and correct judgment difficult if not impossible.

Still, it is too tempting to review the great or almost great players seen in Germany.

In the "super-class" I can name only eight — not on reputations but merely on overall performances.

These are Beckenbauer (West Germany), Cruyff and Neeskens (Holland), Tomaszewski and Deyna (Poland), Babington (Argentina), Hellstrom (Sweden) and Mazzola (Italy).

Always elegant

Beckenbauer was always the elegant, confident and superbly effective leader of the world champions.

Often giving the impression of a dispassionate, somewhat passive playmaker, Beckenbauer was at his best when his talents and skills were most needed, namely against Poland and Holland.

True, he failed to show even traces of his former adventurous nature and seldom moved up to join the attack, but his defensive work, impeccable distribution and calmness often held his team together when things began to look gloomy.

Cruyff showed several times why he is regarded as the world's most exciting player.

His amazing acceleration, control and ability to direct his whole team were a delight to watch.

However, in the final he blotted his record somewhat with a display that was first subdued and later ill-tempered.

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He was the conductor of a very fine Polish orchestra and it's worth noting that the Poles suffered their only defeat (v. West Germany) when Deyna had to take the field half-fit.

Babington, in my view, was by far the best South American player on view.

An effervescent, inventive midfielder-cum-striker, this fellow of British parentage had a great deal to do with some of Argentina's excellent displays.

Sweden's goalie Hellstrom was almost in Tomaszewski's class; indeed, some colleagues had placed him above the Pole.

He was safe and spectacular at the same time and, like all good keepers, also had luck on his side.

Unfortunate

My last choice is the unfortunate Mazzola — unfortunate because he alone was supposed to inspire a very lousy Italian team.

This graceful, speedy and intelligent prompter in the classical European tradition was the lone survivor of an Italian disaster in which his great rivals, Rivera and Riva sank without a trace.

Eight truly great players and nothing else?

Not quite — one saw a goodly number of very fine players easily fitting into a high international class.

Without ranking them in any way, I would like to list them here:

Maier, Breitner, Overath, Muller (West Germany); Van Hanegem, Saurbier, Rijnsbergen, Rep (Holland); Kaszperczak, Lato, Gadocha (Poland); Rivelino, Pereira, F. Marinho (Brazil); Edstrom, Nordqvist (Sweden); Ayala, Houseman (Argentina); Bransch, Hoffmann (East Germany); Bogicevic, Oblak, Acimovic (Yugoslavia); Wilson (Australia); Bremner (Scotland) and Francillon (Haiti).

Disappointments

At the other end of the scale one must mention also the disappointments.

Leading this sorry parade were the apparently vastly overrated Italians, a bunch of ordinary, slow, cautious, passive and aging primadonnas.

Rivera was an absolute embarrassment but Riva, Facchetti and Chinaglia also looked to be millionaires under false pretences.

Brazil had its fair share of failures and the reputations of Jairzinho, Leivinho, Valdomiro and Edu suffered deep dents.

The world champions themselves must join this list with two of their stars, Netzer and Heynckes.

Netzer played only 20 minutes in his team's seven matches — an indictment in

itself. While Heynckes never fitted into the team and had to surrender his place to the much faster and more enterprising Holzenbein.

Sweden's Torstensson of Bayern fame, Argentinian goalie Carnevali and the Yugoslav striker Dzajic,

reputedly Europe's best left-winger, also had a wretched series they will try to forget.

Chile's shining star Caszely was hardly noticed — his expulsion excepted.

Scotland's "greats", such as Hay, Lorimer and Dalglish, never looked anything but ordinary.

I left, deliberately at that, Uruguay where one could pick and choose among the failures.

Rocha and Cubilla are at the head of the queue, two over-ripe veterans; Cubilla, in fact, was one of the most ill-equipped and easily the unfittest player in the Cup.



Berti Vogts did not spare Johan Cruyff in the recent World Cup final as this tell-tale photograph reveals. Would the Dutch superstar have shone so brightly if Holland's other opponents had sacrificed a player to mark him so tightly?

Could Germany have won without Muller?

A brilliant match-winner or a clumsy opportunist? How do you rate West Germany's Gerd Muller?

The displays of this short, stocky fellow produced innumerable arguments among experts in the World Cup finals.

Let's admit at once that Muller doesn't look the part.

His ball handling is only average, his speed ordinary, his long-range shots feeble. How, then, can he parade as the world's most feared striker?

Muller has an uncanny "nose" for goals; it's obvious that in soccer he has a one-track mind.

Everything he does is aimed at getting him into a position where a half-chance may come his way.

And then — he strikes, with the venom of a cobra.

In the tightest situation he can make room for himself by anchoring his feet firmly, pushing out his backside and fending off his tormentor.

One must add that Muller rarely has the luxury of

facing one opponent only.

Most teams assign one guard plus one to keep him in check — the "plus" moving increasingly closer as Muller approaches the goal.

Few defences stand on any ceremony nowadays and Muller must contend with almost constant pushing and shoving, even when he is not in possession.

While he is quite capable of looking after himself, at times Muller goes into some theatricals, exaggerating his falls.

He is at his most dangerous right in the goalmouth. A moment's inattention by the defence and Muller stabs at the ball, usually aiming low at one corner.

This is precisely how he scored against Poland and Holland — and both were match-winners.

Purists argue that Muller's value to his team is limited to scoring goals; he doesn't do it elegantly, even gracefully.

This may be true. But what he does is invaluable and one must wonder if Germany had won the World Cup without him.

— MIKE RENWICK



GERD MULLER

TOP OF THE WORLD

A total of 67 experts — coaches and soccer writers — were asked about their top six players in the World Cup.

According to them, this was the final order: 1. Cruyff 2. Beckenbauer 3. Deyna 4. Neeskens 5. Oblak 6. Lato 7. Pereira 8. Bremner 9. Babington 10. Hoeness 11. Hellstrom 12. F. Marinho 13. Gadocha 14. Breitner 15. Mazzola 16. Muller 17. Overath 18. Vogts 19. Szarmach 20. Maier 21. Dzajic 22. Figueroa 23. Rivelino 24. Edstrom 25. Van Hanegem 26. Francillon 27. Bonev 28. Acimovic 29. Bajevic 30. Jairzinho.

Surprises? Perhaps the relatively high-ranking Oblak, Szarmach, Dzajic and Jairzinho and the absence of Rijnsbergen, Haan, Tomaszewski, Kaszperczak, Bansch, Sandberg and Houseman. But you can argue about these until you're exhausted.

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FRANZ BECKENBAUER

"BAZZA" RIDES AGAIN?

Well, well, "Bazza" rides again... or does he?

Hungary's sporting daily, "Nepsport", quotes German sources to compare the Aussie and East German fans at the Socceroos' first World Cup game.

They contrast the "happy" 1700 bobs from East Berlin and Leipzig, who arrived clutching little national flags, the women wearing "fashionable suits" and the men in white shirts and ties, all with the happy glow on their faces that follows naturally from being a citizen of the German "Democratic" Republic.

Compare this with the unwashed hordes from the Antipodes, who travelled for days or weeks to get to Hamburg, 2,500 of them sporting wild beards and long hair.

What is more, during the anthems the comrades saluted with their handy little flags, whilst the Aussies sang "Advance Australia Fair" and looked like they were actually enjoying themselves.

Shiver, shake and shudder...

— By PETER SCOTT in the "Australian Jewish Times"

WATCH OUT FOR IRAN!

Watch out for Iran in the next World Cup.

Since Englishman Frank O'Farrell took over as coach, the national team hasn't lost a match.

Iran and Israel are expected to fight out the coming Asian Games tournament in Tehran.

The Iranian FA is currently staging its annual Iran Cup, featuring Iran "A" and "B", the national team of Tunisia and club sides from the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Granville's seaside trip is no picnic

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The strong and icy winds last weekend spoilt most of the games, but the two-team race for promotion continued as both Granville and Balgownie scraped through to retain their positions on the table.

Granville were twice in arrears before finally overpowering North Sydney while Balgownie were held until 10 minutes from the end before they scored two quick goals against Corinthians.

Brief reports from last week's matches:

NS-Inter v. Granville 2-3

Twice in the first half Inter led Granville by the odd goal but Granville took the upperhand after the interval.

Sam Jones put Norths in front after 20 minutes, but Stan Marshall equalised for Granville 15 minutes later.

Jones again slammed the ball into the net almost from the kick-off for the home team to lead 2-1 at the break.

Granville came out strong after the interval, and with

15 minutes gone they equalised through Selfridge who hit home a beauty from a Fraser freekick before Marshall headed home the winning goal soon after from another cross by Fraser.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Calizzi, Impelezeri, Thompson, Foster, Lloyd, Spresian, Ribera, Jones (2), Sommer, Monteleone.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge (1), O'Maye, Brown, Gardiner, Waldron, Allen, Gilmour, Marshall (2), Waters (Spilarewicz), Fraser.

Corinthians v. Balgownie 0-2

With the wind behind them Corinthians made several attacks in the first half but failed to score and at one time they missed an open goal.

They held Balgownie until the 80th minute when

finally Ronald broke through to score.

Only five minutes later a scorching shot from John Cropper from at least 50 metres was helped by the gale into the net.

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Rhodes, Matthews, Jagger, Hendry, Palmer (Ripley), Newton (Goldsworthy), Denman, Evans, Stevens.

Balgownie: Haffey, Luck, Cropper (1), Hurley, Langford, Shanks, Eady, Tinney, Ronald (1), Lavan, Freeme.

Melita Eagles v. Manly 2-3

A goal four minutes from the end by replacement Colin Waller gave Manly the points in an exciting game at Mona Park.

Andy Huntley put Melita in front in the first minute when he capitalised on a defensive error and 20 minutes later he put them further ahead with another well taken goal.

Facing the wind after the interval, Melita suffered the same fate as Manly when within three minutes Lester Potts headed home from close range a freekick superbly taken by Archie Blue.

Blue was the architect of Manly's equaliser with another copy-book freekick that connected with the head of Steve Gosling and ended into the net.

With the game set for a draw, Colin Waller broke through on the left wing and fired a sizzling shot from 30 metres that went through the goalkeeper's hands into the net.

Melita Eagles: Stewart, Van Blerk, Cook, Balenzuela, McKinnon, Huntley (2), Farrugia, Bankhead, Sciberras, Azzopardi.

Manly: Woods, Johnson, Stocks, Blues (Waller 1), Hutchinson, Mallam, Jackson, Crawford, Gosling (1), Potts (1), Stedman.

Marrickville v. Bankstown 1-2

Bankstown used the wind to better advantage in the second half to net two goals to win narrowly.

Norm Hanlon, the dynamic halfback, put Marrickville in front after 15 minutes.

Bankstown hit back soon after the interval when Dennis Daley scored from a scrimmage after David Burke's shot had hit the crossbar and a Marrickville defender.

The winning goal came from a 25-metre thunder drive by Mick Farrell.

Marrickville: McDonald, Hardy, Brett, Mumford, Strahan, Hanlon (1), Gould, McCulloch, McArthur, Pondekas, J. Mackin.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SM-Hellas	9	3	1	30	11	21
Alexander	7	3	3	22	14	17
Slavia	7	3	2	19	9	17
JUST	6	3	4	14	18	15
Hakoah	6	3	4	14	18	15
George Cross	6	2	5	25	21	14
Melbourne	4	3	6	26	26	11
Mooroolbark	3	5	5	11	21	11
Juventus	3	4	5	15	17	10
Polonia	4	1	9	13	14	9
Wilhelmina	3	3	7	11	19	9
Austria	1	1	11	6	26	3

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the 14th round scheduled for this weekend are as follows:

Saturday: SM Hellas v. Hakoah, Slavia v. Wilhelmina, Mooroolbark v. Polonia.

Sunday: Juventus v. Austria, Melbourne v. George Cross, JUST v. Alexander.

Arthur Xantopoulos, the promising 18-year-old defender of SM Hellas who has been a first team member for two years and was a star of the State's under-16 side which won the national title in 1972, will be lost to the game temporarily due to the pressure of his scholastic studies.

John Barclay, the manager of the World Cup team, has been replaced as delegate to the ASF by State League chairman Tony Kovac in yet another "shot-gun" move by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Toorak Soccer Club, who play in the District Leagues, were recently fined \$200 after its linesman in a recent game against Karigal attacked one of the visiting players.

Mornington Soccer Club, who play in the Fourth Division, hold their mid-season ball this Saturday night. One of the principal guests will be long-distance runner and record holder Tony Rafferty, who until recently played for the club.

Richard Coates, the former Alexander defender who is now in the Army and stationed in Sydney, has recently been back in Victoria for a course at Puckapunyal.

George Tyrell, the former St. George Budapest player of some years ago, is playing with Geelong, who are currently topping the Provisional League.

Milenko Rusmir, the classy JUST defender who not long back parted company with Austria as their coach, is now with Metro League side Doncaster Rovers.

A few weeks ago an Industrial League game between Ford Falcons and Cartro drew a near-500 crowd to their Sunday fixture which was as much as three State League games drew in total in a recent Saturday round. Sorry figures for the top shots either way.

Don Brownlie, the powerful Box Hill midfielder who spent most of last year in Darwin, is back playing for the club. Don is an older brother of John Brownlie, the Hibs and Scotland defender.

Tony Charlton, doing an excellent job on the Saturday State League telecasts, recently described Schintler Reserve the home ground of JUST as a "cow paddock" and a disgrace to soccer. Right on!

The VSF assisted over 180 schools with coaching literature, soccer balls and cash grants in the first six months of this year.

Ray Yutema, the Dutch-born Wilhelmina striker, whose career in State League soccer was brought to an abrupt end when he broke his leg playing for Victoria in 1958 is still at the age of 44 turning out occasionally for Metropolitan League side Caulfield City.

Bobby McLachlan, the former APIA player of a decade ago, has parted company with First Division Preston Makedonia, whose promotion hopes to the State League are fast disappearing despite buying a handful of State League "stars" earlier in the season. It now looks a fight out between Sunshine City and Altona City. McLachlan has joined Third Division Brighton as a player after his stint as coach to Preston.

— JIM COOK

Toongabbie's lead is consolidated

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A draw with third-placed Chelsea was good enough to further consolidate Toongabbie's hold on the First Division and keep them looking forward to a place in Federation Third Division in 1975.

Chelsea led with three minutes remaining in a match they may well have won.

Scorers for Toongabbie on the day were John Keddie (2) and Phil Wilcox.

Toongabbie took on Corinthians in the Rothman's Cup also, and went down following a Corinthians goal 17 minutes into extra-time.

Blacktown scored three goals to West St. George's one at Francis Park, scorers being Alan Sharp (2) and Alan Cooper.

Blacktown missed four good chances early in the first half, and in both sessions they petered out towards the end.

Colin Akers went well on the left wing, and Eric Thompson was tight in defence.

Riverstone and Nepean drew 2-2 in a fine match at Schofields Park after a scoreless first half.

Nepean's Dave Mathews took a shot from an impossible angle right on the goal-line and had the pleasure of seeing Riverstone's keeper make a one-handed deflection into his own goal.

Mathews had a hand in the next when he cut along the left wing and passed for Peter Pearson to score on the run.

Two-goal Campbell

Stewart Campbell netted both for Bondi in their 2-0 win over Greenwich. In the 39th minute Alex Gardiner crossed to Campbell across the face of the goal, and the latter scored from an acute angle.

In the 68th John Carter won his tackle on the left. His cross ball resulted in a blocked shot and Campbell made no mistake from the rebound from 15 metres out.

Sydney University followed up a 4-1 loss to

Maroubra with a 5-1 win over South Sydney on Sunday.

The latter game saw Jeff Goldstein crack in a hat-trick in the first half. Later Bill Drury scored a penalty, and for the fifth John Noonan tapped in a rebound from a Goldstein shot.

Last week's results:
FIRST DIVISION
 Arncliffe v. Concordia 1-5 6-2
 Blacktown v. W. St. Geo. 3-1 2-0
 Chelsea v. Toongabbie 3-3 2-4
 Riverstone v. Nepean 2-2 2-3
 Bondi v. Greenwich 2-0 3-2
 Yagoona v. Queens Park 0-3 2-4
SECOND DIVISION
 Macquarie U. v. Padstow 0-1 0-5
 Holroyd v. Maroubra 3-4 2-1
 Revesby v. N. Bankstown 3-2 4-1
 South Sydney v. Syd. Uni. 1-5 2-4
 Maroubra v. Sydney Uni. 4-1 0-1
 Padstow v. Holroyd 3-1 0-1
 Lane Cove v. Eastwood 3-5 0-3
 Artarmon v. Lethbridge 1-2 2-1
 South Sydney v. Revesby 0-2 1-5
THIRD DIVISION
 Hurstville v. Earlwood 3-2 0-2
 North Ryde v. Dee Why 4-1 2-2
 Cabrawala v. Baulkham H. 1-1 1-2
 Ryde v. Blacktown 3-2 4-1
 Auburn v. Canley Heights 1-2 3-2
 Auburn v. Hurstville 3-1 0-1
 Fairfield v. Earlwood 1-0 1-1
 Kingsford v. Canley Hts. 3-2 5-2

This weekend's draw:
Saturday: Blacktown Spartan v. Queens Park — Francis Park; Nepean v. Arncliffe RSL — Cook Park; Yagoona v. Bondi — O'Neill Park; Concordia v. Chelsea — Mahony Oval; Eastwood v. Artarmon — Eastwood Oval; Padstow Park v. Maroubra — Soccer Centre; North Bankstown v. Sydney Uni. — George Green; Canley Heights v. Cabrawala — King Park; Dee Why v. Auburn — Dee Why Oval; Kingsford v. Fairfield-Kiev — Turrawill Park; Blacktown Spurs v. Earlwood — Marayong Oval.
Sunday: Concordia v. Blacktown Spartan — Mahony Oval; West St. George v. Chelsea — Evatt Park; Toongabbie v. Greenwich — Girraween Park; Queens Park v. Riverstone — Queens Park; North Bankstown v. Lane Cove — George Green Oval; Lethbridge v. Macquarie Uni. — Jersey Road; Sydney Uni. v. Revesby Rovers — Sydney Uni. No. 2; South Sydney v. Holroyd — Booralee Park; Blacktown Spurs v. North Ryde — Marayong Oval; Hurstville v. Cabrawala — Bexley Oval; Baulkham Hills v. Earlwood — Ted Horwood Reserve; Canley Heights v. Ryde District — King Park.

THIS WEEK

Granville have a big match coming up against Manly at Inman Park this weekend.

Both sides are expected to field full teams and no doubt this not only is the most important game of the week but also the one that could well send Granville to First Division.

The Magpies must pull out all stops if they are to beat the Seaside who are definitely on the mend.

In other matches, Balgownie could also find the going tough against Bankstown at the Soccer Centre while Guildford vs. Melita Eagles and Inter-Marrickville should both be close affairs.

DIVISION II

LEADING SCORERS

J. FARRUGIA (Melita Eagles)	15
S. MARSHALL (Granville)	14
D. SHANKS (Balgownie)	12
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford)	11
E. PATTERSON (Bankstown)	10
M. STEPHENSON (Guildford)	10
L. WATERS (Granville)	8
G. ROBINSON (Guildford)	7
W. RONALD (Balgownie)	7

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Two goals from each of Phillip Fowler, Ernie Glass and Graeme MacKinnon and one from John Woodford sent Northern Districts to a crushing win over West Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday — all this following Norths' elimination of Newcastle's Weston from the Rothman's Cup on Saturday.

Against West Sutherland, MacKinnon cut back a ball after eight minutes for Phillip Fowler to net the first.

The next was played across the goal-area by MacKinnon for Ernie Glass to do the rest, and the same player was at it again for Woodford to score.

Goalkeeper Peter Cooper sent a deep punt for Ernie Glass to pass the defence down the centre for the next, and then MacKinnon (2) and Fowler added the others.

David Brown was the unlucky player for Norths — hitting the woodwork three times is enough for any striker to chop down the posts and spit out the chips.

University of NSW and Wentworth were 2-2 at windy David Phillips Field, after

Warringah were unlucky to go out of the Rothmans Cup at Guildford's behest after Brian Taylor had been judged guilty of taking too many steps with the ball.

Last week's results: Uni. of NSW v. Wentworth 2-2, 2-0, 2-2; Belmore v. West Sutherland 2-2, 1-0, 1-2; West Sutherland v. Nth. Districts 0-7, 4-0, 1-2; Warringah v. West Ryde 0-0, 6-0, 4-0.

This weekend's draw:
Saturday: Uni. of NSW v. Nth. Districts — D. Phillips Field; Arncliffe v. Revesby Workers — Cahill Park; Wentworth v. West Ryde — Jones Park; Ku-ring-gai v. Belmore — Parkland; Warringah v. Gladesville Ravens — Graham Reserve.
Sunday: Ku-ring-gai v. Warringah — Acron Oval; Campbelltown v. West Ryde — Wedderburn Oval; Wentworth v. Belmore — Jones Park; West Sutherland v. Gladesville Ravens — Seymour Shaw Park; Northern Districts v. Revesby Workers — Englefield Stadium.

— KEITH GILMOUR